APPOINTING THE POLITICAL AGENT, KHOLAPUR AND THE SOUTHERN MARATHA COUNTRY, TO BE MARRIAGE REGISTRAR IN THE STATES UNDER HIS CONTROL.

Notn. No. 40, Ecclesiastical, dated 30th June 1906, B. G. G., 1906, Pt. I, p. 1043.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 86 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act XV of 1872, as amended by Section 10 of Act II of 1891, His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council is pleased to appoint the Political Agent, Kolhápur and the Southern Marátha Country, for the time being, and being a Christian, to be Marriage Registrar in the States under his control for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Sections 8 and 56 of the said Act.

The certificates mentioned in Section 54 should be recorded in his own office.

RULES UNDER ACT X OF 1873.

OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS.

FORMS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS IN ALL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL COURTS IN SIND.

Judical Commissioner, Notn. No. 642, dated 14th September 1908, S. O. G., 1908, Pt. I, p. 401.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7 of Act X of 1873 and in supersession of all previous forms prescribed in this behalf the Court of the Judicial Commissioner of Sind has been pleased to prescribe the following forms for the administration of oaths and affirmations in all Civil and Criminal Courts in Sind.

Oaths and affirmations shall be administered to witnesses in the following forms:—

(1) Hindus and Muhammadans shall be required to repeat the following words:—

"I solemnly affirm in the presence of Almighty God that what I shall state shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

(2) Parsis shall be required to repeat with their shoes on their feet and their right hand on the open Zend Avesta the following words:—

"I swear in the presence of the Almighty God that what I shall state shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, Manasni, Gavashi, Kunasni."

(3) Jews shall be required to hold the Hebrew testament in their right hand and to repeat the following words:—

"I swear that what I shall state shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help me God:"

and shall be required to kiss the book.

(4) Christians shall be required to hold the new testament in their right hand and to repeat the following words :—

"I swear that what I shall state shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help me God :"

and shall be required to kiss the book.

Oaths shall be administered to Interpreters and Jurors in similar forms, with the substitution in the case of Interpreters of the words "I will well and truly interpret and explain all questions put to and evidence given by the witness"; and in the case of Jurors of the words "I will well and truly try the case submitted to the Jury and return a true verdict according to the evidence."

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[a] FORMS OF OATH AND AFFIRMATION TO BE ADMINISTERED TO WITNESSES.

High Court Notn. No. 1721, dated 26th September 1905, B. G. G., 1905, Pt. I, p. 1335.

The Honourable the Chief Justice and Judges are pleased to direct that the following be read after Circular No. 31 at page 14 of the High Court Civil Circular Order Book :—

31-A. Oaths and affirmations to witnesses should, as required by Section 4 of Act X of 1873, be administered by the Courts themselves or by an officer empowered by them in that behalf.

Under the provisions of Section 7 of the aforesaid Act the Honourable the Chief Justice and Judges are pleased to prescribe the following forms for the administration of oaths and affirmations :—

WITNESSES' OATHS.

Christian (On New Testament).

In case of Quaker substitute for "swear" "being one of the people called quakers do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm."

I swear that what I shall state shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help me God.

Jew (On the Hebrew Testament).

I swear that what I shall state shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. So help me Jehovah.

Parsi.

(The witness, with his shoes on and placing his right hand on the open Zend Avesta, shall say)—

I swear in the presence of Almighty God that what I shall state shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth : Mahasni, Gavasni, Kunasni.

Hindu and Mahomedan.

I solemnly affirm in the presence of Almighty God that what I shall state shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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[a] These forms of oath and affirmation have also been published under Circular No. 66 framed by His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay, under section 15 of the Statute 24 and 25 Vict., Chapter 104, *vide* Govt. Notn. No. 5101, Judicial, dated 4th October 1905, *B. G. G.*, 1905, Pt. I, p. 1362.